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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action, which was mailed on June 30, 2006, Applicant submits the following instructions. Applicant elects, without traverse, Invention VI, claims 32-61, as described in that Official Action. Claims 1-31 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute those claims in another application. If any other issues remain pertaining to this Election/Restriction requirement, Examiner is invited to contact undersigned Inventor.

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